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means for releasably fixing the substance dispenser to the supporting structure so that the central aperture slides over a portion of the support structure, and so that the plurality of fingers extend away from the supporting structure.

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2. (Amended) A substance delivery device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the plurality of finger means are gills.

3. (Amended) A substance delivery device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the plurality of finger means are vanes.

4. (Twice Amended) A substance delivery device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the plurality of finger means are coated or impregnated with the substance to be dispensed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are currently pending in the Office Action.

In the last Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,818,911 ("Fournier"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to a substance delivery device adapted for insertion into a body cavity, the substance delivery device including, *inter alia*, a substance dispenser including a plurality of finger means for allowing sustained release of substances over a period of time. Fournier does not anticipate a substance delivery device including a plurality of finger means for allowing sustained release of substances over a period of time.

The substance delivery device is designed to be retained within the body cavity for the sustained release of drugs over a period of time. As set forth, in the background of the invention, treatment times may vary, for example, one treatment may require a six

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